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LETTER DATED 2 JULY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have been informed that the forces of the Belgrade regime and its surrogates have been undertaking a massive offensive in the region of Posavina in northern Bosnia. Fresh troops and new military equipment (tanks, artillery pieces and rocket launchers) have been moved in and added to already huge military in the region. We are also cognizant of the fact that military aircraft of the Belgrade regime and its surrogates are being used against civilian and military targets in order to support the offensive.

The cities of Modrica, Derventa and Bosanski Brod have been overrun and destroyed by the aggressors, while the cities of Orasje, Gradacac, Srebrenik, Gracanica, Odzak and Tuzla are under constant attack.

It is of utmost importance to note that this new offensive is being perpetrated in the region without any media coverage or presence of international monitors. The region sealed off by aggressor troops since the beginning of April 1992. The already tragic situation in the region, with cases of mass murders, confirmed forcible expulsions, concentration camps and systematic actions of ethnic cleansing, is being made more horrific by this offensive.

We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that this offensive is being carried out during the valiant efforts of the international community to secure Sarajevo Airport, deliver and distribute much needed humanitarian aid to its citizens. We believe the objective is to connect through ethnicially cleansed zones all the areas currently controlled by the Belgrade regime and its surrogates in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.

We are kindly urging the Security Council to bring this matter before it and undertake all necessary means in order to stop this cynical and barbarian behaviour which assumes that the world will be distracted by the situation in Sarajevo, leaving defenseless citizens of other Bosnian regions at the mercy of Belgrade regime and its surrogates.

May I request your kind assistance in distributing this letter to the member missions of the Security Council and entering the letter as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
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